Delay in construction of staff quarters for EREB

1505. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay in construction of staff quarters for Eastern Regional Electricity Board has resulted in revenue loss of Rs. 78.35 lakh and enhancement of project cost by Rs. 2.61 crore till 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the steps being taken to get them completed at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) There has been delay in construction of staff quarters for Eastern Regional Electricity Board which has resulted in increase in cost of the work by Rs. 1.67 crores. CPWD however is not aware of any revenue loss on account of delay in construction of the quarters.

(b) The work got delayed on account of the following:—

(i) Delay in obtaining approval of the local bodies, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority and Fire Services.

(ii) Rescinding of the work on directions of Kolkata High Court through a local public writ petition.

(iii) Disruption and rescinding of the work twice due to law and order problem in the area of the work (Tolyganj, Kolkata).

(c) The work has already been completed and handed over to the Eastern Regional Electricity Board on 3.5.1999.

Reduction in interest rates by HUDCO

1506. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether HUDCO has reduced the interest rates for its Niwas Home Loan Scheme to provide shelter for all;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when it is being implemented;

(c) the names of the cities where individual Home Loan Centres have been set up;

(d) the names of the secondary towns where HUDCO is planning to start offices; and

(e) the loans expected to be given to the individuals during the current financial year, State- wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of the revision are given in the statement enclosed. (*see* below)

(c) and (d). HUDCO Niwas offices are operational in all State Capitals. In addition, HUDCO has offices in Kochi (Kerala), Kozhikode (Kerala), Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh), Kokrajhar (Assam), and Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh). HUDCO may open offices in secondary towns depending of volume of business and economic/administrative feasibility.

(e) Loans to individuals under HUDCO Niwas are given based on actual demand and no State-wise allocation is made.

Statement

Details of Reduction in the Interest Rates of HUDCO Niwas Scheme w.e.f. 01.11.2001.

Loan amount (in Rs.)	Rates prior to 01.11.2001			New rates w.e.f. 01.11.2001			Extent of Reduction (%)
	For 6 year Term (%)	For 6—10 Year Term (%)	For 11—15 year Term (%)	For 5 Year Term (%)	For 6—10 Year Term (%)	For 11—15 year Term (%)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
UPTO 50,000\-	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	NIL
50,001 \ TO 2,00,000\-	12.00	12,00	12.00	11.75	11.75	11.75	0.25

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2,00,001- TO 20,00,000\-	12.25	12.75	12.75	11.75	12.00	12.25	0.50 To 0.25
20,00,001\- TO 50,00,000\-	12.25	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.25	12.50	0.25 To 0.50

NOTE:

1. For purchase of plots - 12% for repayment period upto 5 years and 12.25% for repayment period of 6-10 years.
2. For extension/improvement, NRI loans and loans for registration of existing dwelling units - 12.25%
3. 0.50% extra interest would be charged for repayment period of 16.20 years in case of purchase/construction/composite loan and 11-15 years in case of extension/improvement loans.

Amount spent on creation of employment opportunities in urban areas

1507. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(i) the total amount spent by Government on the creation of employment opportunities and poverty alleviation programmes in urban areas/cities during the Ninth Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target in this regard; and

(c) the details of achievements made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a